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RE: Bill 24, CD1 and FD1 Car Sharing - COMMENTS

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Aloha Councilmembers,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding Bill 24, which would establish car sharing in Honolulu. I support car sharing but am dismayed to see yet again a proposed amendment that limits the program.

This is the third bill regarding car sharing. No one testified in opposition to the first bill, yet we've gone back and forth over permit fees, parking on private vs. public land and location of service. I am glad to see the island-wide provision removed, as businesses should be allowed to set up the program in the market areas they think will work best and then expand as word of car sharing and its benefits spread.

The proposed FD1 includes a limit on the number of cars that may be permitted under the program. This is another step backwards. Other government agencies are pushing for car sharing, not limiting it. (For an example, see the draft of the *Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative Transportation Energy Analysis* at http://www.hawaiicleanenergyinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/HCEI_Draft_Public_Report_6.12.15.pdf.) In addition, some agencies are promoting tax subsidies of car sharing programs.

The removal of the island-wide requirement is important, but please do not limit the amount of permits available. We need to have a variety of solutions to our traffic problems, and those that have been successful in other places should be given a fair chance to be implemented in Honolulu.